

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN,
AND OTHER
Town Officers
OF
GRANTHAM, N. H.,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

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1887.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Wm. B. Leavitt, treasurer, credits the town as follows :

In my hands as treasurer March, 1886,	\$00 00
Received of Selectmen, borrowed money,	480 00
State Literary fund, Railroad and Savings	
Bank Tax,	351 60
Received of County for pauper claims,	158 93
on leases,	82 00
H. H. Currier, collector, 1881-2,	11 00
C. Walker, " 1883-4,	162 00
M. P. Burpee, 1885,	348 43
O. F. Buswell, 1886,	1,903 48
of L. D. Dunbar on road machine,	5 00
Rent on Gault farm,	20 00
Wood at Dist. No. 10,	2 00
Total,	— \$3,524 44

DR.

Paid by order of selectmen state tax,	\$344 00
" " " county tax,	341 71
T. J. Morrill, school money,	436 50
Town of Springfield, school house,	64 00
Town of Croydon, school house,	9 46
Damage to sheep by dogs,	23 25
Town officers,	170 47
Labor and material on highway,	211 52
Breaking roads,	97 68
Support of poor,	171 43
Miscellaneous bills,	68 29

Paid by order of Selectmen on notes,	\$1,196 98
Road machine,	215 00
Total,	<u>\$3,350 29</u>
Amount of money received by treasurer,	\$3,524 44
Amount of orders paid by treasurer,	3,350 29
Leaving in my hands as treasurer,	<u>\$174 15</u>

WILLIAM B. LEAVITT,

Town Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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Taxes assessed, April 1, 1886,	\$3,157 34
Rec'd from State, Literary Fund,	75 52
Railroad tax,	34 64
Savings Bank tax,	241 44
from County pauper claims,	158 93
on leases,	82 00
H. H. Currier, collector, 1881-2,	11 00
C. Walker, " 1883-4,	162 00
M. P. Burpee, " 1885,	348 43
Green Pillsbury, borrowed,	80 00
Sarah A. Barton, " 400 00	
Income on Gault farm,	20 00
Wood at school house Union Dist.	2 00
of L. D. Dunbar on road machine,	5 00
Total,	<u>\$4,778 30</u>

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Turned over to treasurer :		
Money received from State,	\$351 60	
" " County,	158 93	
Borrowed,	480 00	
Rec'd from O. F. Buswell, coll'ct'r,	1,903 48	
" " Previous collectors,	521 45	
Leases,	82 00	
Gault farm,	20 00	
L. D. Dunbar on road machine,	5 00	
for wood at school house		
Union Dist.	2 00	
Due on 1886 book,	552 09	
Taxes abated on 1886 book,	21 60	
Total,	—————	\$4,098 15
Remittance on school houses,		680 15
		—————
Total		\$4,778 30

ORDERS ON TREASURER.

The Selectmen have paid by orders on the treasurer as follows :

State tax,	\$344 00	
County tax,	341 71	
Total,	—————	\$685 71

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

T. J. Morrill, treasurer of school board,	\$436 50
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DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

W. H. Howard,	\$11 25	
O. F. Buswell,	5 00	
H. H. Currier,	7 00	
Total,	—————	\$23 25

WORK AND MATERIAL ON HIGHWAY.

Paid Peter Emery,	\$4 00	
Geo. H. Hastings,	5 00	
Charles H. Bean,	3 80	
A. G. Coon,	3 45	
Ira W. Peabody,	4 30	
G. W. Dunbar, plank,	18 39	
A. L. Brown,	8 50	
James Barton,	3 80	
A. P. Shedd,	2 00	
A. Merrill,	1 75	
Fred C. Leavitt,	1 10	
A. Powers,	1 00	
H. F. Goss,	12 50	
John Y. Covey,	8 55	
H. G. Walker,	3 65	
Orren Heath,	4 00	
W. H. Howard,	3 75	
Josiah Leavitt,	2 50	
M. J. Hastings,	9 19	
Joab Walker,	3 00	
Oliver Nichols,	5 43	
C. Walker,	29 60	
M. D. Jenks,	6 25	
J. B. Rollins,	6 25	
Arthur Spiller,	67	
G. W. Dunbar, plank,	1 40	
I. B. Walker, powder and fuse,	1 43	
W. H. Miller,	38 21	
M. P. Burpee,	26 10	
Willard Sherman,	4 30	
Total,		\$223 87

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid A. L. Brown,	\$7 44
M. V. B. Hastings,	5 30

Paid James Barton,	\$ 2 20	
Benjamin Young,	7 40	
A. P. Shedd,	4 10	
A. Merrill,	4 40	
C. C. Thornton,	12 30	
R. A. Bowers,	2 00	
O. F. Buswell,	5 70	
John Y. Covey,	2 95	
H. G. Walker,	2 50	
W. H. Miller,	6 00	
Orren Heath,	1 50	
Josiah Leavitt,	7 05	
S. R. Smith,	1 20	
M. J. Hastings,	3 30	
Edwin Howard,	4 80	
Joab Walker,	7 70	
Oliver Nichols,	5 34	
N. C. Thornton,	3 80	
John Hastings,	1 00	
H. F. Kimball,	3 10	
Total,	—————	\$101 08

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Benjamin Young, support of son,		
county charge,	\$52 00	
Norman C. Thornton, county charge,	21 84	
Charles Bartlett, county charge,	1 90	
Daniel Merrill, county charge,	24 58	
A. S. Walker, county charge,	17 32	
J. D. Hemphill, clothing for J. H. Howard,		
county charge	11 00	
William Corliss, county charge,	30 29	
William Corliss, town charge,	12 50	
Total,	—————	\$171 43

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid town of Springfield their interest in		
school-house,	\$ 64 00	
town of Croydon their interest in		
school-house,	9 47	
H. F. Goss, watering trough two years,	6 00	
O. F. Buswell, watering trough,	3 00	
W. H. Miller, " "	2 50	
B. F. Goss, putting up guide-boards,	1 00	
S. C. Sargent, driving hearse,	3 00	
Printing town reports, 1886,	13 40	
I. B. Walker, support N. C. Thornton,		
county charge,	4 39	
T. J. Morrill, school books,	3 10	
John Hastings, keeping horse,	1 00	
J. B. Sanborn, books and stationery,	7 25	
H. F. Kimball, damage on sleigh,	75	
Return of births and deaths,	2 25	
C. Walker, books, stationery and		
postage,	5 00	
Road machine,	215 00	
Total,		\$341 11

PAID ON NOTES.

Paid O. F. Buswell,	\$ 72 75	
Methodist Society,	8 00	
A. Quimby,	35 00	
Melinda S. Barton,	110 91	
L. D. Dunbar,	406 30	
Jennie Sanborn,	15 00	
J. H. Goss,	357 74	
Alice M. Rowe,	73 32	
Justus Hayward,	16 00	
Minerva Howe,	37 96	
Azubah Sawyer,	12 00	
B. F. Goss,	52 00	
Total,		\$1,196 98

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid F. C. Leavitt, supervisor,	\$ 5 00	
G. H. Walker, “	5 00	
M. P. Burpee, “	5 00	
H. E. Brown, “	2 50	
A. J. Flanders, sec. school board,	4 84	
T. J. Morrill, treas. “ “	10 00	
L. B. Hayward, chairman “	10 00	
O. F. Buswell, collector,	35 00	
Chester Walker, selectman,	30 00	
W. H. Miller, “	25 00	
M. P. Burpee, “	18 00	
W. B. Leavitt, treasurer,	10 00	
Geo. H. Walker, town clerk,	10 00	
Total,		\$170 34
Whole amount paid to treasurer,	\$3,524 44	
“ “ of orders	3,350 29	
Leaving in hands of the treasurer,		\$174 15

NOMINAL ASSETS.

Due on tax books 1877-8-9,	\$ 278 54	
“ “ 1880,	153 34	
“ “ 1881-2,	297 55	
“ “ 1883-4,	110 00	
“ “ 1885,	261 66	
“ “ 1886,	552 09	
“ John Fisher note, due on leases,	35 00	
“ Leases,	87 50	
Interest in Gault farm,	300 00	
Croydon and Springfield interest in school-house,	73 47	
One road machine,	215 00	
Two scrapers,	12 00	
Due from county, N. C. Thornton bill,	4 39	
Plank,	3 50	
Money in hands of treasurer,	174 15	
Total,		\$2,558 19

LIABILITIES

of the town March 1, 1887.

Notes with interest added,		\$9,361 86
Liabilities March 1, 1886,	\$9,962 75	
Liabilities March 1, 1887,	9,361 86	
Decrease,	—————	\$600 89
Interest bearing debt, Mar. 1, 1886,	\$9,747 75	
“ “ “ 1887,	9,361 86	
Decrease,	—————	\$385 89
Liabilities March 1, 1887,	\$9,361 86	
Assets March 1, 1877,	2,558 19	
Present debt,	—————	\$6,803 67

CLAIMS FOR DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Paid Rufus Hall,	\$25 00	
John Hastings,	3 00	
Total,	—————	\$28 00

ABATEMENTS.

On 1881 book :

Hannah Austin,	\$.60
Converse Goodhue,	80.

On 1882 book :

T. J. Morrill,	3 20
M. V. Hastings,	21 28
Willie Austin,	2 96
Ezekiel Austin,	2 00
W. H. Howard, over tax,	4 04

On 1886 book :

Jesse F. Peabody estate,	4 71
Leavitt Pillsbury, worked,	1 00
Diana M. Wallace,	1 27
Aaron S. Walker,	1 39
Norman C. Thornton,	3 15
Geo. F. Lewis,	2 72

Reuben Bowers, over tax, dog,	\$1 00
Oscar F. Buswell,	1 54
Geo. B. Barton, over tax,	2 20
Ezekial Austin,	1 43

LIST OF NOTES

Due March 1, 1887.

Azubah Sawyer,	\$ 150 00
Malinda S. Barton,	1,100 00
Justus Hayward, two notes,	400 00
Joseph H. Goss,	400 00
Benjamin F. Goss,	1,300 00
Methodist Society,	100 00
A. H. Powers,	394 16
Sarah A. Barton,	410 66
Minerva Howe,	52 17
Green Pillsbury,	83 00
John Young,	774 35
C. Marshall,	623 99
Guy H. Buswell,	45 91
Ellen Dunbar,	614 10
A. G. Coon,	460 72
M. E. Ryder,	119 39
David E. Ryder,	1,041 86
James B. Green	8 68
Sarah H. Rollins,	13 23
Betsey Kidder,	111 63
A. Quimby,	1,075 85
Moses Pillsbury,	82 16
	\$9,361 86

Respectfully submitted by

CHESTER WALKER,	} Selectmen of Grantham.
WILLIAM H. MILLER,	
MOSES B. BURPEE,	

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

For the Year ending March 1, 1887.

The School Board submits the following report of the schools of the town for the year ending March 1, 1887:

There were four schools supported in the town the past year, the school board believing that number sufficient.

THE HOLLOW SCHOOL.

The first term was taught by Miss Ella McDaniel of Springfield with excellent results. The second was taught by Mr. Nathaniel K. Noyes of Manchester. Mr. Noyes has the energy, thoroughness and independence of a successful teacher, and his pupils made good progress during the short time they were under his instruction. Roll of honor: First term—Emma M. Goss, Carrie A. Hook, Villa E. Hall, Alice Hammond, Ella M. Thornton, Earl R. Hall, P. P. Sherman, Arthur Thompson. Tardy, Lillian Jenks, Arthur Jenks, Helen Dunbar; dismissed, Bertie Morrill. Second term—Lillian R. Howe, Ella M. Thornton, Arthur Thompson; Belle N. Young, not absent during membership. Tardy, Helen Dunbar, Bertie Morrill.

HOWE HILL SCHOOL.

Both terms of this school were under the instruction of Mrs. Susan G. Stocker. Mrs. Stocker's schools always show the results of thorough, conscientious work. The concert reading and singing by the scholars of this school are worthy of special mention. Roll of honor—First term, Anna M. Nichols, Laura A. Nichols, Ethel M. Chase, Curtis J. Nichols, Willard C. Bur-

pee ; Udo I. Currier, absent half a day on account of sickness ; Albert A. Stocker, Wesley D. Currier, Etta M. Chase, absent one day each on account of sickness. Second term, Lena F. Buswell, Laura A. Nichols, Vinnie M. Powers, Etta M. Chase, Albert A. Stocker, Irwin C. Spiller, Wesley D. Currier, Udo I. Currier, Clarence F. Currier, ; Ethel M. Chase, absent one day only on account of sickness ; Anna M. Nichols, Curtis J. Nichols absent two days each on account of sickness.

NORTH GRANTHAM SCHOOL.

The first term was taught by Miss Grace A. Sargent of Newport. This was a profitable term. Special attention was given to reading and writing with good results. Second term, Edgar W. Davis, of Croydon, teacher. Mr. Davis won the respect and confidence of his pupils to an unusual degree. Classes in arithmetic and geography showed that great interest had been awakened in these branches. Writing and reading seemed not to have had that attention which their importance demands. No compositions were required. Roll of Honor—First term, Mary Corliss, Velzora Merrill, Bertha Saunders, Bernice Saunders, Van Hastings, Basil Hastings, Ora Hastings. Second term, Edna J. Hastings, Lena F. Buswell, Van W. Hastings, Mabel E. Hastings. Tardy, but not absent, Velzora M. Merrill, Horace A. Brown, Otis H. Brown, Edwin J. Davis.

DUNBAR HILL SCHOOL.

Mary E. Currier teacher of both terms. Miss Currier works faithfully in the school room, and meets the success which thorough work always secures. The improvement in reading in this school was marked. Roll of Honor—First term, Grovenor D. Bowers, Ralph Howard, May A. Kimball, Emma L. Kimball, Nellie Kempton. Second term, Belle N. Young, Susie T. Walker, Emma L. Kimball, May A. Kimball.

REMARKS AND SUGGESTIONS.

The school at North Grantham had two terms of nine weeks each. The other schools had each one term of ten weeks, and one of eight weeks. We believe that more money should be appropriated for the support of our schools, that we may have at least twenty-four weeks of schooling for the year. Not a globe nor any other illustrative apparatus do we possess, nor a single book of reference, not even a dictionary. Our school-buildings are in need of repairs.

There is a tendency on the part of some pupils to take studies beyond their capacity, and it is to be feared that they are sometimes encouraged by parents. It is reasonable to suppose that teachers should know what branches their pupils are qualified to pursue. The pupil who spells dollar "d-a-w-l-e-r" has no very urgent call to study algebra.

We believe that more mental work and less ciphering will tend to better develop the mind. A few scholars the past year used Colburn's Mental Arithmetic with excellent results. We think the use of this standard work should become general.

A little more attention by teachers in filling out their registers is recommended.

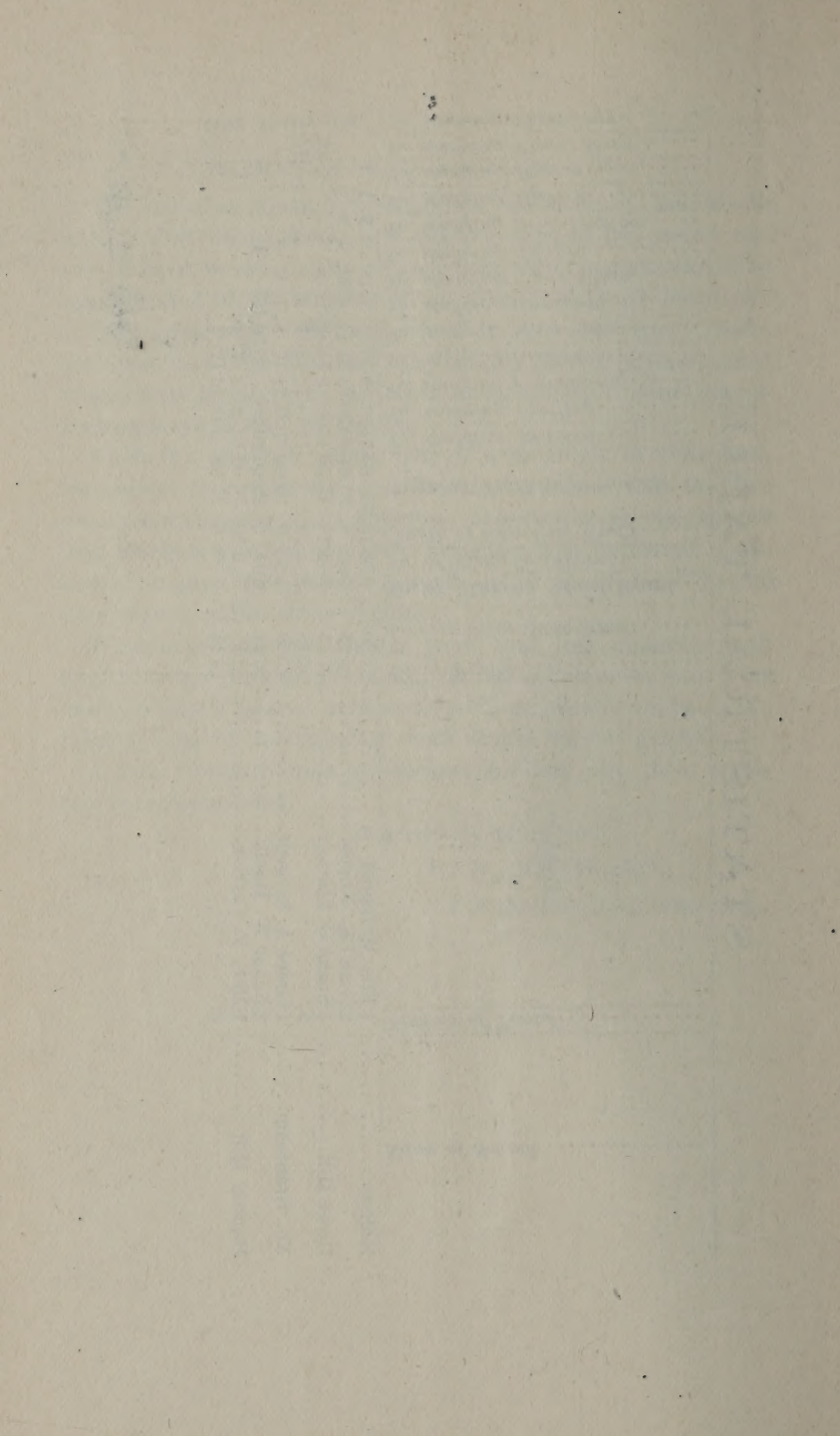
Respectfully submitted,

L. B. ^aHEYWARD,

For the Board of Education.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Name of School	Number of Terms	Teachers.										No. of Pupils.	Average daily Attendance.	No. of Visits by School Board.	No. of Visits by Others.	Length of school in Weeks.	Wages of Teachers per month*	No. studying										Oral Instruction.																																																																											
		Hollow	Howe Hill.	No. Grantham.	Dunbar Hill.	1	2	3	4	5	6							7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91
	1	Ella McDaniel	31	30	8	36	10	\$26.00	31	31	19	25	14	6	18	No. studying Grammar.	No. studying Geography.	No. studying Arithmetic.	No. studying Penmanship.	No. studying Spelling.	No. studying Reading.		No. studying Algebra.	No. studying Book-keeping.	No. studying History.	No. studying Botany.	No. studying Vocal Music.	No. studying Physiology.	13																																																																										
	2	Nath'l K. Noyes.	30	25	6	31	8	34.66	30	30	20	21	14	6	20	No. studying Grammar.	No. studying Geography.	No. studying Arithmetic.	No. studying Penmanship.	No. studying Spelling.	No. studying Reading.		No. studying Algebra.	No. studying Book-keeping.	No. studying History.	No. studying Botany.	No. studying Vocal Music.	No. studying Physiology.	14																																																																										
	1	Susan G. Stocker.	14	14	3	19	10	17.00	13	13	9	11	7	2	2	No. studying Grammar.	No. studying Geography.	No. studying Arithmetic.	No. studying Penmanship.	No. studying Spelling.	No. studying Reading.		No. studying Algebra.	No. studying Book-keeping.	No. studying History.	No. studying Botany.	No. studying Vocal Music.	No. studying Physiology.	1																																																																										
	2	"	16	15	2	3	8		14	14	10	12	9	2	6	No. studying Grammar.	No. studying Geography.	No. studying Arithmetic.	No. studying Penmanship.	No. studying Spelling.	No. studying Reading.		No. studying Algebra.	No. studying Book-keeping.	No. studying History.	No. studying Botany.	No. studying Vocal Music.	No. studying Physiology.																																																																											
	1	Grace A. Sargent.	21	19	4	25	9	20.00	21	21	21	16	8	1	6	No. studying Grammar.	No. studying Geography.	No. studying Arithmetic.	No. studying Penmanship.	No. studying Spelling.	No. studying Reading.		No. studying Algebra.	No. studying Book-keeping.	No. studying History.	No. studying Botany.	No. studying Vocal Music.	No. studying Physiology.																																																																											
	2	Edgar W. Davis.	26	21	6	15	9	28.00	26	26	25	13	12			No. studying Grammar.	No. studying Geography.	No. studying Arithmetic.	No. studying Penmanship.	No. studying Spelling.	No. studying Reading.		No. studying Algebra.	No. studying Book-keeping.	No. studying History.	No. studying Botany.	No. studying Vocal Music.	No. studying Physiology.																																																																											
	1	Mary E. Currier.	12	11.47	5	9	10	16.00	12	12	12	7	4			No. studying Grammar.	No. studying Geography.	No. studying Arithmetic.	No. studying Penmanship.	No. studying Spelling.	No. studying Reading.		No. studying Algebra.	No. studying Book-keeping.	No. studying History.	No. studying Botany.	No. studying Vocal Music.	No. studying Physiology.																																																																											
	2	"	16	14	3	7	8	17.00	16	16	16	12	5			No. studying Grammar.	No. studying Geography.	No. studying Arithmetic.	No. studying Penmanship.	No. studying Spelling.	No. studying Reading.		No. studying Algebra.	No. studying Book-keeping.	No. studying History.	No. studying Botany.	No. studying Vocal Music.	No. studying Physiology.																																																																											



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